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EAST GERMAN GLASSWORKS EXPAND PRODUCTION

INCREASES OUTPUT 150 PERCENT -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 13 Dec 50

The Torgan Plate-Glass Works, East Germany's second largest plant of its kind, has increased its production 150 percent since 1945. Since the installation, in 1948, of a new crucible with six furnaces, the plant's output has been three fifths greater than in 1946, when it was on a par with prewar production.

Large export shipments have been made to Austria, Bulgaria, and West Germany, as well as to the Scandinavian countries.

The quality of the product has improved considerably since 1949. Adequate supplies of raw materials, for the most part of indigenous origin, are available.

PRODUCES SHATTERPROOF GLASS -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 20 Dec 50

The people-owned Glassworks in Aiken/Elbe, which started operation in July 1950, will be enlarged considerably under the Five-Year Plan. Priority will be given to the production of shatterproof glass for motor vehicles and train windows, and to the expansion of glass processing. Production of heavy glass was started in November and a new plate-glass polishing shop will be put in operation in January. The plant, which employs 300 workers, has orders for exports to Rumania and Sweden.

GLASSWORKS INCREASES SALES -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 20 Dec 50

The Derenburg People-Owned Glassworks, one of the enterprises of the VVB Building Materials in Sachsen-Anhalt, has increased its sales by one third. As of 1 January 1951, the people-owned Harz Hollow Glass Industry in Wenigerode will be consolidated with the Derenburg Glassworks. A new Siemens smelting furnace is to be added to the plant's equipment under the Five-Year Plan.

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PRODUCES QUARTZ GLASS -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 17 Jan 51

The people-owned Quart: Smeltery in Berlin is the only plant in East Germany which produces quartz glass for laboratory equipment. Rock crystal, the raw material used, has to be imported. The plant, now operated by 24 workers, is scheduled to enlarge its production program in 1951.

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